GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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New Rail Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the requirement of new rail lines in the State of Chhattisgarh to be built in the left wing extremism affected districts like Bijapur, Dantewada, Sukma, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total funds allocated towards completion of newly introduced projects including new rail line between Dongargarh-Mungeli-Kawardha-Uslapur and the current status of these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the funds so that these projects could be started and completed within the scheduled time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam. Government has taken the cognizance of requirement of new rail lines in the State of Chhattisgarh to be built in the left wing extremism affected districts. The following project of new line has been sanctioned:-
i) Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur(235km) project was sanctioned in 1998 and is being executed in two phases i.e Phase-I between Dallirajhara-Rowghat (95 Km) and phase-II between Rowghat-Jagdalpur(140 Km). The Phase-I of the project is being funded by SAIL and transferred to RVNL for execution. Work has already been completed from Dallirajhara to Dondi(Gudum) (17 Km) and commissioned on 01.02.2016. Work on further sections of Phase-I is also in different stages of execution.
Phase-II of the project between Rowghat and Jagdalpur (140Km) is in preliminary stage and is to be executed through a Joint Venture Company of Government of Chhattisgarh, National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., Steel Authority of India Ltd. and M/s. Ircon International Ltd. The preliminary report is under examination of the Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV).
(b): New line projects falling fully/partly in the State of Chhattisgarh have been given `1393.2 crore allocation in 2017-18 compared to `470 crore of 2016-17. Detailed Project Reports for Dongargarh-Kharigarh−Kawardha-Bilaspur(270 km) and Dharamjaigarh-Korba(63 km) new lines included in Budget 2016-17, are under preparation.
(c): Indian Railways is working on the alternative means of funding to accelerate project execution as detailed below:-
(i) Approaching all State Governments to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects through Joint Venture,
(ii) Arranging additional funds by way of loan from LIC for funding throughput enhancement projects,
(iii) Requesting State Government for cost sharing alongwith provision of free land & other concessions,
(iv) Encouraging PPP (Public Private Partnership).
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